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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, VE

SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

REF: HURWITZ-ASENICO TELCON, FEB. 28, 1976

1. FOR TIME BEING DEPARTMENT PLANS TO HANDLE PRESS INQUIRIES ON KIDNAPPING BY SIMPLY CONFIRMING THAT IT OCCURRED AND GIVING NAME, TITLE, HOMETOWN, AND FAMILY STATUS OF NIEHOUS. IN ANSWER TO ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT IDENTITY OF KIDNAPPERS, POSSIBLE RANSOM DEMANDS, OR OTHER ASPECTS OF CASE, WE PLAN TO SAY THAT WE HAVE NO DETAILS.

2. IF ASKED BY PRESS ABOUT U.S. POLICY ON PAYING RANSOM OR MAKING CONCESSIONS TO KIDNAPPERS, DEPARTMENT PLANS TO  
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RESPOND THAT OUR POLICY ON THESE MATTERS IS CLEAR.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD BE GUIDED BY ABOVE AND BY GENERAL PRESS  
GUIDANCE IN A-775, FEB. 5, 1976. INGERSOLL

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## Message Attributes

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